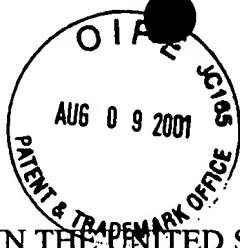


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAHIKO KUBOTA ET AL.) Examiner: NYA
Application No.: 09/878,946) Group Art Unit: NYA
Filed: June 13, 2001)
For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR)
ELEMENT, INK TANK, INK JET)
RECORDING APPARATUS)
PROVIDED WITH INK TANK,)
LIQUID INFORMATION)
ACQUIRING METHOD AND)
LIQUID PHYSICAL PROPERTY)
CHANGE DISCRIMINATING)
METHOD) August 7, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese

Priority Applications:

2000-181638 filed June 16, 2000

2000-181834 filed June 16, 2000

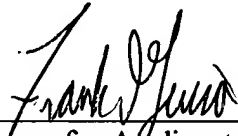
2000-181839 filed June 16, 2000

2000-308043 filed October 6, 2000.

Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.

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